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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**WORKFORCE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT**

Thursday, May 26, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 519 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Workforce and Talent Development was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Members present: Reps. Johnson, Tedder, Farrington, Price, Lauwers, Crawford, Iden, Brett Roberts, Howell, Brinks, Townsend, Geiss, Greig, Liberati, Love.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Tedder moved to adopt the minutes of May 19, 2016. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Johnson laid HJR MM and HB 5677 before the committee:

HJR MM (Cotter)	Public employees and officers; state; constitutional authority for heads of principal departments to discipline employees; provide in cases of conduct negatively affecting departmental duties.
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HB 5677 (Lauwers)	Public employees and officers; state; civil service review of departmental dismissal or discipline; provide for grievance procedures.
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Speaker Cotter, Representative Lauwers, Hassan Beydoun, representing the Republican Policy Office, and Liz Smalley, representing the Republican Policy Office, testified in support of HJR MM and HB 5677. Questions and discussion followed.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), testified in opposition to HJR MM and HB 5677. Questions and discussion followed.

Charles Blockett, Jr., representing himself; Todd Tennis, representing the Michigan Association of Governmental Employees; and Ray Holman, representing the UAW Local 6000; testified in opposition to HJR MM and HB 5677. Written testimony was submitted by Charles Blockett, Jr.

Liza Estlund Olson, representing the Service Employees International Union Local 517 (SEIU 517M), submitted a card wishing to speak in opposition but unable due to time constraints and submitted written testimony.

Tony Daunt, representing the Michigan Freedom Fund, submitted a card in support of HJR MM and HB 5677, but did not wish to speak.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to HJR MM and HB 5677, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Migrin, representing the Michigan State Employees Association.

Jeremy Tripp, representing the Michigan Corrections Organization.

Fran Brennan, representing the AFL-CIO.

Mike Stone, representing the UAW.

Lisa Canada, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:58 a.m.

**Representative Joel Johnson, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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